State of South Dakota

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HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1020

Introduced by: Representatives Stalzer, Anderson, Bartling, Beal, Brunner, Campbell, Conzet, Deutsch, Duvall, Gosch, Greenfield (Lana), Harrison, Haugaard, Hawks, Hawley, Heinemann (Leslie), Holmes, Hunhoff (Jean), Hunt, Johns, Kaiser, Klumb, Langer, Latterell, Marty, May, Mickelson, Munsterman, Novstrup (Al), Otten (Herman), Partridge, Qualm, Rasmussen, Romkema, Rounds, Rozum, Russell, Schaefer, Schoenfish, Solum, Steinhauer, Tulson, Werner, Westra, Wiik, Willadsen, Wink, Wollmann, and Zikmund and Senators Brown, Cammack, Frerichs, Hunhoff (Bernie), and Sutton

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending the South Dakota Air National Guard's 114th Fighter Wing of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for being awarded the Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque.

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Air National Guard's 114th Fighter Wing was presented the Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque in 2015. The Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque is presented to the top five most outstanding flying units in the Air National Guard each year and this is the fifth time the 114th Fighter Wing has won this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, the 114th Fighter Wing was also awarded the Major General John J. Pesch Flight Safety Trophy in 2015. The Major General John J. Pesch Flight Safety Trophy is awarded to two units annually in the nation and this is the fourth time the 114th Fighter Wing has won this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, the 114th Fighter Wing was also awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award in 2015 and this is the seventh time the 114th Fighter Wing has won this award for meritorious service; and

WHEREAS, the selection is based on overall combat readiness and the unit's performance with respect to all other Air National Guard flying units with flying safety, aircraft operation readiness, weapons firing, unit alerts, unit manning, skill level qualifications, retention, drill attendance, operational readiness inspections, outstanding accomplishments, and special missions all being factors in the evaluation and selection; and

WHEREAS, the 114th Fighter Wing continues to demonstrate continued support to their community and the State of South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature expresses its respect, commendation, and

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congratulations to the South Dakota Air National Guard 114th Fighter Wing for its fifth award of the Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque and recognizes its outstanding service to the great State of South Dakota and the United States of America.